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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A surface-mounted component, comprising:

~~[[-]]~~ having at least one an external connection contact; (11, 12) and

~~[[-]]~~ having individual components (21, 22) that are arranged in proximity to each other stacked together, said individual the components comprising containing individual terminals (311, 312, 321, 322)

~~[[-]]~~ in which said wherein the external connection (11, 12) is connected to a plurality of individual a terminal terminals (311, 312, 321, 322) by one or more spot welds; (300) and

~~[[-]]~~ said wherein the external connection forms contact defines a contact surface (51, 52) on the an assembly area side (4) of said the surface-mounted component[[.]]; and

~~[[-]]~~ wherein the external contact comprises an area (350) that is free of spot welds (300) is provided on said external connection (11, 12) for later wetting with solder.

2. (Currently Amended) The surface-mounted component according to of claim 1, wherein ~~[[-]]~~ in which said the external connection (11, 12) contact is designed L-shaped and comprises a leg, the leg defining the contact surface and, [[-]] ~~in which one leg (61, 62) of said L forms said contact surface (51, 52).~~

3. (Currently Amended) The surface-mounted component of claim 1 according to one of the claims 1 or 2, in which said wherein the external contact comprises the connection (11, 12) is formed out of one of said individual terminals (311, 312, 321, 322).

4. (Currently Amended) The surface-mounted component of claim 1 according to one of the claims 1 through 3, in which individual wherein at least part of each terminal is terminals (311, 312, 321, 322) are located only on the inside a component of said external connection (11, 12).

5. (Currently Amended) The surface-mounted component of claim 1 according to one of the claims 1 through 4, in which said wherein the external connection (11, 12) is connected to individual contact and the terminals (311, 312, 321, 322) as a comprise separate parts of the surface-mounted component part.

6. (Currently Amended) The surface-mounted component of claim 1 according to one of the claims 1 through 5, in which said individual wherein at least part of each of the terminals extends along a side of the surface-mounted (311, 312, 321, 322) extend, at least in sections, along the side faces of said component.

7. (Currently Amended) The surface-mounted component of claim 1 according to one of the claims 1 through 6, wherein ~~[[-]] in which said individual~~ the components (21, 22) are stacked vertically; on top of each other,

~~[[-]] in which said~~ wherein a base area of said a bottom individual component in a stack of the components comprises the (21) forms said assembly area; and surface (4),

~~[[-]] in which said individual~~ wherein at least part of a terminal terminals (321, 322) of said a top individual component (22) are in the stack of components is bent downwards.

8. (Currently Amended) The surface-mounted component of claim 1 according to one of the claims 1 through 7, in which one or a plurality of individual wherein at least one of the components comprises a capacitor, the capacitor comprising (21, 22) are capacitors comprising of:

an anode body;

~~[[-]] a housing (71, 72) surrounding an~~ around the anode body; and (81, 82),

~~[[-]] an anode contact (91, 92), which is connected to an individual~~ that connects to a terminal, the anode contact comprising a terminal comprised (311, 321) made of soft-solderable material, is brought out of said that protrudes from the anode body (81, 82).

9. (Currently Amended) The surface-mounted component of claim 1 according to one of the claims 1 through 8, in which one or a plurality of individual wherein the components (21, 22) demonstrates define at least one a housing, (71, 72) within which an

electrical functional unit ~~(101, 102)~~ ~~is arranged and in which~~ being inside the at least one housing and comprising connector elements defined by the ~~of said electrical functional units (101, 102) are brought out from each housing (71, 72) as individual terminals (311, 312, 321, 322).~~

10. (Currently Amended) The surface-mounted component of claim 1 according to one of the claims 1 through 9, wherein ~~[[-]] in which said individual the components (21, 22) are stacked~~ arranged horizontally to form a structure; next to each other and ~~[[-]] in which~~ wherein a side face of ~~said stack (200) forms said~~ the structure comprises the assembly surface (41).

11. (Currently Amended) The surface-mounted component of claim 1 according to one of the claims 1 through 10, wherein the external contact comprises ~~[[-]] in which~~ at least two external contacts; and ~~connections (11, 12) are provided and~~

~~[[-]] in which said~~ wherein the terminals are substantially parallel to the at least two external contacts at points where the terminals connect to the at least two external contacts ~~connections (11, 12) connect said individual terminals (311, 312, 321, 322) to a parallel connection of individual components (21, 22).~~

12. (Currently Amended) The surface-mounted component of claim 1 according to one of the claims 1 through 11, in which individual wherein the components have ~~(21, 22) having~~ different electrical functions ~~from each other and~~ are stacked together.

13. (Currently Amended) A method for of manufacturing a surface-mountable component comprised of ~~comprising of the following steps: a) making available~~ at least two external contacts that define an outer portion of the surface-mountable component, the method comprising: connections (11, 12) for lateral delimitation of said component

~~b) stacking, between the external contacts, together individual components (21, 22) having individual that have terminals; and (311, 312, 321, 322) in the space predetermined by said external connections (11, 12)~~

~~e) electrical and physical connecting of said individual the terminals (311, 312, 321, 322) of said individual to the at least two components (21, 22) to said external contacts connections (11, 12) by welding, the terminals being connected to the at least two external contacts by spot welding, and an area of the at least two external contacts being kept keeping free of spot welds (300) an area (350) of said external connection (11, 12) that is to be wetted with solder.~~

14. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein each external contact is L-shaped and comprises a leg, the leg defining a contact surface that interfaces to a terminal.

15. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein at least part of each terminal is inside a component.

16. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the at least two external contacts and the terminals comprise separate parts of the surface-mountable component.

17. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein at least part of each of the terminals extends along a side of the surface-mountable component.

18. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the components are stacked vertically; and
wherein at least part of a terminal of a top component in the stack of components is bent downwards.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein at least one of the components comprises a capacitor, the capacitor comprising:

an anode body;
a housing around the anode body; and
an anode contact that connects to a terminal, the anode contact comprising a terminal comprised of a soft-solderable material that protrudes from the anode body.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the components define at least one housing, an electrical functional unit being inside the at least one housing and comprising connector elements defined by the terminals.